

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

[0006] Some cardiovascular therapies are designed to reduce the binding of Lp(a) by LDL receptors that are present on the interior walls of the arteries and include antioxidants to reduce swelling of the arteries. By way of example, U.S. Patent ~~5,650,448~~ 5,650,418 to Rath et al. (hereinafter "Rath") describes a cardiovascular disease treatment composition which includes lysine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, nicotinic acid, and ascorbic acid (*i.e.*, vitamin C). The lysine binds LDL receptors and, thus, prevents Lp(a) from binding such receptors, thereby reducing the negative effects of Lp(a) on the arteries. Nicotinic acid and ascorbic acid are antioxidants which reduce swelling of the arterial walls, thereby permitting more blood to flow through the arteries and, to some extent, reducing blood pressure.